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Chief Executive Officer

November 13, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: VALINDA AVENUE GREENING PROJECT
ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT RIGHTS OF WAY
ADJACENT TO VALINDA AVENUE FROM AMAR ROAD
TO PUENTE CREEK VALINDA
CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 77502; PROJECT I.D. NO. FCC0001076
(FIRST DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve Capital Project No. 77502 scope of work and total project budget of \$1,473,000 for the design and construction of a greening project on Los Angeles County Flood Control District rights of way adjacent to Valinda Avenue, from Amar Road to Puente Creek in Valinda, and direct the Director of Public Works or his designee to carry out the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will establish the Valinda Avenue Greening project scope and total project budget for Capital Project (C.P.) No. 77502, and direct the Director of Public Works or his designee to proceed with the project.

The greening project will include features for improved storm water management and improved sustainability that will enhance the aesthetics and recreational uses of approximately two acres of Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) rights of way by constructing a bio-swale, landscaping with drought tolerant plants and installing a decomposed-granite walking path with an exercise par course.

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Your Board's approval of the Capital Project is required to authorize the expenditure of the Capital Project funds for this project. The County proposes to complete a greening project for approximately two acres of LACFCD right of way adjacent to Valinda Avenue from Amar Road to Puente Creek in the unincorporated area of Valinda. The preliminary scope of the greening project includes an exercise par course, bio-swale with water quality enhancing features, and approximately 5,000 linear feet of meandering walking path. A Board-approved as-needed consultant currently under contract with the Department of Public Works will complete the design.

Green Building/Sustainable Design

The project will support the intent of your Board's Green Building/Sustainable Design policy by using drought tolerant landscaping and the construction of a bio-swale to drain, naturally filter and enhance percolation of storm and irrigation water run-off.

The project site is currently unpaved with no landscaping and lacks stormwater management features. This makes the site prone to unsafe and unhealthy conditions, such as standing water that promotes mosquito breeding and mud/debris that collects along the curb of the adjacent street.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Community Services (Goal 6). The recommended actions will improve the quality of life for residents of Valinda by enhancing the aesthetics of LACFCD rights of way adjacent to Valinda Avenue from Amar Road to Puente Creek in Valinda.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total estimated cost of the project is \$1,473,000. The Project is funded by \$500,000 of one-time net County cost allocated for Enhanced Unincorporated Area Services derived from Proposition 62 funds and \$973,000 from the Puente Hills Landfill Community Benefit and Environmental Education Trust Fund. The Fiscal Year 2007-08 Capital Projects/ Refurbishments Budget includes sufficient appropriation under C.P. 77502. The Project Schedule and Budget Summary are included in Attachment A.

Operating Budget Impact

Based on current landscaping maintenance contractor service rates, maintenance of the improvements is estimated at \$16,000 annually. These maintenance costs are anticipated to be incurred beginning in Fiscal Year 2008-09. Sufficient appropriation will be included in Los Angeles County Flood Control District's Fiscal Year 2008-09 Budget Request to fund the increased costs of landscape maintenance contractor services.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Not applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The landscaping with an irrigation system of existing LACFCD right of way adjacent to Valinda Avenue from Amar Road to Puente Creek is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the CEQA Guidelines because these improvements are minor alterations to an existing structure.

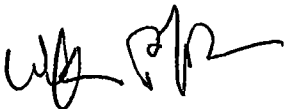
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will improve the quality of life for residents of Valinda by enhancing the aesthetics of LACFCD rights of way adjacent to Valinda Avenue from Amar Road to Puente Creek in Valinda.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office (Capital Projects Division) and one adopted copy to the Department of Public Works (Programs Development Division).

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment (1)

c: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
Department of Public Works (Budget/Fund Management, Fiscal, Watershed
Management)

ATTACHMENT A

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: VALINDA AVENUE GREENING PROJECT ON
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I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date
Project Needs Assessment	N/A
Project Feasibility	N/A
Project Program Validation	N/A
Design	03/17/08
Construction Contract Award	07/01/08
Construction	
Construction Start (16 wks./4 mos.)	09/01/08
Field Acceptance (Plant establishment: 12 wks./3 mos.)	01/01/09
Final Acceptance (Landscaping warranty period)	04/01/09

II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Category	Total Project Budget
Land Acquisition	N/A
Construction	
(a) Construction	\$960,000
(b) Change Orders	\$96,000
Equipment	N/A
Plans and Specifications	\$85,000
Consultant Services	N/A
Miscellaneous Expenditures	N/A
Jurisdictional Review and Plan Check	N/A
County Services	
(a) Design	\$117,000
(b) Construction	\$215,000
TOTAL	\$1,473,000